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1. The Ministry of Interior (MAI) training centers and the schools for career and political officers are under the direction of the General Secretariat for Troops, which functions under the MAI. These schools and training centers have their own organization and are under the MAI only for subsistence.
2. The schools serve various army commands as follows:
 - a. Officers School, Bucharest on Stefan cel Mare Road, serves the Fire Department.
 - b. Career Officers School, Radna, serves the Security Troops.
 - c. Career Officers School, Magurele-Bucharest, serves the Security Troops.
 - d. Political Officers School, Oradea, serves the three arms.
 - e. Political Officers School, Bucharest, serves the three arms.
 - f. School for Field Grade Officers, Botosani, serves the MAI.
 - g. Officers School, Arad, serves the Border Guard Troops.
3. The training centers also serve the three armed branches of the MAI troops (Security, Fire Department and Border Guards) as follows:
 - a. Security - Bucharest, has three battalions

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Dragasani, has one battalion
 Sibiu, has one battalion
 Orastie, has two battalions

- b. Fire Department - Oradea-Mare
 Stalin (Brasov)
 Alexandria
- c. Border Guards - Baia-Mare, has three battalions
 Tasnad, has two battalions
 Oradea, has two battalions
 Marghita, has three battalions
 Arad, has two battalions
 Lugoj, has two battalions
 Caransebes, has two battalions
 Corabia, has two battalions
 Bucharest, has three battalions
 Oltenita, has two battalions.

4. The training centers of the three armed branches of the MAI have similar organizations but they vary in complement. There follows the organization of a training center of the strength of two battalions:

- a. Battalion No. 1 - Riflemen
 Commander
 Political Assistant
 One platoon for administration of buildings and grounds, et cetera, with a complement of 20 to 25 men.

- (1) Four companies composed as follows:

Company No. 1 - Riflemen
 Commander
 Political Assistant

- (a) Four platoons composed as follows:

Platoon No. 1 - Riflemen
 Commander
 Four groups of ten men each.

- b. Battalion No. 2 - Heavy arms
 Commander
 Political assistant
 One platoon for administration of buildings, grounds, et cetera, with a complement of 20 to 30 men.

- (1) One Company of Machine Guns
 Commander
 Political assistant

- (a) Four platoons composed as follows:

Platoon No. 1 - Machine guns
 Commander
 Four squads of 10 men each
 Four machine guns.

- (2) One Company of Mortars
 Composed of four platoons with four mortars each.

- (3) One Company of Antiaircraft guns

- (4) One Company of Antitank guns

- (5) One Company of Specialists 25X1

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5. The training battalion may be made of three, four, or five companies, according to the available personnel, the capacity of housing, et cetera. The main objective is to instruct and train the soldier in a thorough manner.
6. The organization of the training centers (command staff) is as follows:

Commander

Political Assistant; Political Office, composed of: The Bureau for Agitation and Propaganda; the Bureau for Cadre, Filing, and Information (intelligence); the Bureau for Sports Activity.

Chief of the General Staff. The General Staff is composed of: Bureau for Personnel and Organization; Bureau of Information (intelligence); Training Bureau; Bureaus of the Adjutant, Secretaries, and Registry.

Commander of the Rear. The Command of the Rear is composed of: Service of Supply; Service of Arms and Munitions; Automobile Service; Quarters; Uniforms; Sanitary Service; Veterinary Service; One company for administration and care of premises.

7. Training:

- a. The training program is eight hours daily. Theoretical instruction is included in the eight hours, but is reduced to a minimum. In addition to the eight hours, there are two hours of political education.
- b. In carrying out the training program, the Soviet regulations are faithfully followed.
- c. The individual training period is three months. Battle training and target shooting is included in this period. Specialized training is given in addition to the regular group training.
- d. Great emphasis is placed on close battle training.
- e. Each soldier is expected to complete satisfactorily the target shooting requirements. Those who do not fulfill requirements must repeat the exercises.
- f. In order to accustom the soldiers of both Border Guards and Security to camp life, the troops and the cadre live in bivouac conditions from spring to late autumn.
- g. The cadre, commanders of companies and platoons, have not much formal education, but are perfectly prepared from a military point of view.
- h. The political commanders follow closely the progress of the training programs. They are always on the training field and watch carefully the activity of the instructing officers.
- i. The military training of the soldier is carried out to perfection. His political training runs parallel to his military training.
- j. For this purpose every battle exercise is accompanied by propaganda against the imperialists.

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8. Food:

- a. The food of the MAI troops is very good. Each man is given 3200 calories per day. The food supplies are received directly from the subsistence depots of the MAI.
- b. In the morning, coffee is served, with approximately 100 grams of marmalade and bread; at lunch two courses and bread, the same in the evening. The soldier receives 1 kilogram of meat a week.
- c. He receives daily cigarettes, candy, soap, et cetera. Soldiers are given postcards and are encouraged to write home, telling how well they are.

9. Conscription and Placement of Recruits:

- a. Recruits are classified according to their ages. Recruits from one class are called up at two different times of the year, spring and autumn. During the next six months the soldier receives individual, group and platoon training. The recruit is next placed in battalions, training centers, and service formations, et cetera.
- b. The recruit is then sent to a unit where his training is completed.

10. Equipment:

Very good, similar to the MAI arms.

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